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54TH WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON GUAM

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SUMMARY: IN FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH GOP OFFICIALS, CONSENSUS REACHED ON LESS AMBITIOUS INITIAL STAGE OF PROPOSED ORIENTIATION/TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE VISIT TO GUAM OF SMALL ADVANCE PARTY (MAX 3 GOP OFFICIALS) TO DRAW UP A REALISTIC PROGRAM IN CONSULTATION WITH 54TH WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON OFFICERS AND WORK OUT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN GUAM ANTICIPATED TO BE FUNDED BY GOP. ALSO PROPOSE GUIDED TOUR

USAF RECON AIRCRAFT AT CLARK FOR SENIOR AND WORKING LEVEL PAF AND OTHER GOP OFFICIALS IN TYPHOON RESEARCH PROGRAM. ACTION REQUESTED: FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO CARRY OUT FOREGOING PROPOSALS: UNCLASSIFIED

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- 1. DOD APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE ISSUANCE OF INVITATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS FOR THREE GOP (2 PAF AND 1 WEATHER BUREAU) OFFICIALS TO BE NAMED LATER TO VISIT GUAM FOR 5 DAYS AS ADVANCE PARTY TO PREPARE TRAINING PROGRAM. AUTHORIZATION TO INCLUDE SPACE AVAILABLE TRAVEL BY US MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM CLARK TO GUAM AND RETURN, AND PARTICIPATION IN AT LEAST ONE RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT.
- 2. USAF AWS DIRECT 54TH WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON TO WORK WITH GOP ADVANCE PARTY TO DRAW UP DETAILED TRAINING PROPOSAL ALONG LINES AUTHORIZED REF B.
- 3. RESPONSIBLE MILITARY COMMANDS AUTHORIZE ARRANGE-MENTS FOR GUIDED TOUR OF 54TH WEATHER ECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT, DURING A TWO-HOUR PERIOD IT WOULD BE SCHEDULED ON GROUND AT CLARK, FOR OFFICIAL GOP PARTY OF MAXIMUM 20 PERSONS. PARTY CAN BE ASSEMBLED ON SHORT NOTICE AND PAF WILL TRANSPORT GROUP TO CLARK. SUGGEST DET 5 FIRST WEATHER WING AT CLARK COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS. END SUMMARY
- 1. IN MEETING SEPT 19 WITH PAF CHIEF OF STAFF
 COL. MACABUHAY (WHO IS ALSO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
 FOR PHILIPPINE TYPHOON RESEARCH PROGRAM) AND GROUP
 OF PAF, WEATHER BUREAU AND MALACANANG OFFICERS,
 EMBOFF INFORMALLY DISCUSSED PROPOSAL FOR ORIENTATION
 AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING EARLIER OUTLINED BY LT. COL.
 PAISO (REF A). EXPLORATORY NATURE OF MEETING WAS
 STRESSED AS WELL AS NEED TO COME UP WITH A REALISTIC
 AND WORKABLE PLAN GEARED TO BASIC NEEDS AND RESOURCES
 OF GOP AND WITHIN TERMS OF USG APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF
 PROGRAM (REF B).
- 2. CONSENSUS EMRGED AT MEETING THAT MORE PRACTICABLE INITIAL STEP THAN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM PROPOSED BY PAISO (WHO APPARENTLY MAY NOT CONTINUE WITH TRAINING PROGRAM) WOULD BE TO HAVE ADVANCE PARTY OF 2 OR 3 RESPONSIBLE GOP OFFICIALS (EMBASSY RECOMMENDS 2 FROM PAF AND 1 WEATHER BUREAU) VISIT GUAM FOR MAXIMUM OF 5 DAYS TO DRAW UP DETAILS OF TRAINING PROGRAM IN CONSULTATION WITH 54TH UNCLASSIFIED

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WEATHER SQUADRON OFFICERS AND WORK OUT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ON THE GROUND. POSSIBILITY WOULD BE EXPLORED
OF HAVING GOP TRAINEES DETACHED TO 54TH SQUADRON
FOR PERIOD UP TO 30 DAYS AND ALSO HAVE THEM ATTACHED
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO PHILIPPINE CONSULATE
AT GUAM. MACABUHAY SAID PAF AND WEATHER BUREAU COULD
FUND PER DIEM AND TRANSPORATION EXPENSES AT GUAM.
HE HOPED GET FREE TRANSPORTATION MANILA OR CLARK TO

GUAM AND RETURN. POSSIBLITY OF STAGING SOME OF FLIGHT TRAINING FROM CLARK WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED AND GROUP WOULD WANT TO VISIT US NAVY JOINT TYPHOON WARNING CENTER AT GUAM

- 3. MACABUHAY REVEALED THAT GOP HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON INSTRUMENTATION OF L 100-20 AIRCRAFT FOR TYPHOON RECONNAISSANCE AND EXPERIMENTATION PROGRAM, AND TECHNICIANS WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS INSTRUMENT NEEDS WITH 54TH SQDN OFFICERS, AS WELL AS OBSERVE USE OF FLIGHT AND GROUND INSTRUMENTS BY USAF.
- 4. IN ORDER FACILITATE TRAVEL OF ADVANCE PARTY TO GUAM, MACABUHAY REQUESTED EMBASSY SEEK INVITATIONAL TRAVEL ORDERS TO ENABLE SPACE AVAILABLE TRAVEL ON US MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND ENTRY TO US FACILITIES AT GUAM. HE ALSO HOPES AUTHORIZATION CAN BE GIVEN FOR ADVANCE PARTY TO PARTICIPATE ON AT LEAST ONE RECON FLIGHT TO PROVIDE EXPERIENCE FOR PLANNING PROGRAM.
- 5. TO ENABLE USAF UNITS TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING PHILIPPINE TRAINING PROGRAM, SUGGEST HQ AIR WEATHER SERVICE DIRECT 54TH WEATHER RECON SQUADRON TO TAKE THIS ACTION. SIMILAR DIRECTIVE TO DET 5, FIRST WEATHER WING AT CLARK WOULD ASSIST IN NEEDED COORDINATION WITHIN PHILIPPINES.
- 6. IT APPARENT AT SEPT 19 MEETING THAT GOP MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICERS WOULD BENEFIT CONSIDERABLY FROM VISIT TO AN OPERATIONAL USAF TYPHOON RECONNAISSANCE PLANE. ACCORDINGLY WE PROPOSE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR GUIDED TOUR OF A 54TH RECON PLANE DURING ANY TWO-HOUR PERIOD IN DAYTIME IT SCHEDULED BE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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GROUND AT CLARK. GOP PARTY WOULD BE LIMITED TO 20 PERSONS AND PAF WOULD SUPPLY TRANSPORT TO CLARK AND RETURN.

APPROPRIATE UNITS SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.
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